

Army Community Covenant

SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE

Together, We are committed to building strong communities.

We, the Community, recognize...

The commitment Soldiers and their Families are making every day.

The strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families.

The strength of Families is supported by the strength of the Community.

The strength of the Community comes from the support of Employers, Educators, Civic and Business Leaders, and its Citizens.

We, the Community, are committed to...

Building partnerships that support the strength, resilience, and readiness of Soldiers and their Families.

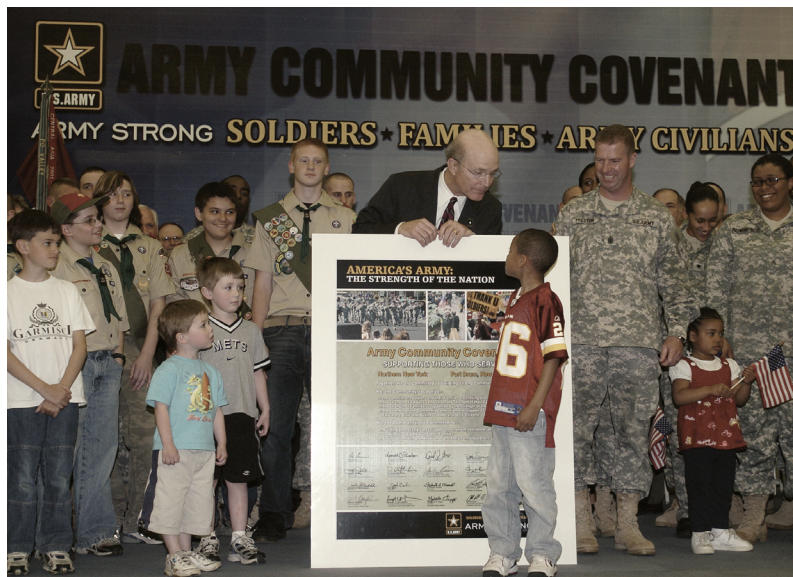
Assisting in the implementation of the Army Family Covenant.

For more information on the Army Community Covenant, please visit the Community Covenant Web site at:
WWW.COMMUNITYCOVENANT.ARMY.MIL

The site features a list of organizations and programs which currently support Army Soldiers and their Families.

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What is the Army Community Covenant?

The Army's Community Covenant is designed to develop and foster effective state and community partnerships with the Army in improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer from state to state.

The Army Community Covenant is tailored at the local level, with leaders at both local and state levels participating in covenant signings, planned between April and December 2008, recognizing the strength of Army Soldiers and their Families and the support of their local community.

Listed to the right are some of the Best Practices of support to Soldiers and Family members provided by America's communities. For a more detailed listing of Best Practices, or for other opportunities to give to Soldiers and their Families, please visit: www.communitycovenant.army.mil



BEST PRACTICES

National Initiatives

CARE FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE: With more than 40 percent of the National Guard and Reserve engaged in overseas military operations, governors are offering expanded benefits such as health care cost, life insurance, unemployment benefits and emergency financial assistance.

EDUCATION SUPPORT: Many states and territories offer education benefits to Military Service members and their families, such as tuition assistance, scholarships for family members, and support to families of the fallen.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: Many federal, state, and private sector initiatives have been developed that provide military spouses the opportunity to attain financial security and achieve employment goals through career mobility and enhanced employment options. Other programs support Soldiers as they transition from the military to civilian life.

FAMILY SUPPORT: Various non-profit organizations provide numerous forms of assistance to military families. Many programs focus on children and youth impacted by deployment or support children through trauma and loss.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: A number of states provide unemployment compensation to spouses who leave employment because of a military move. There are also a number of non-profit programs that help military families with financial needs.

VOTING SUPPORT: Over 30 bills were enacted by states in 2007 to address flexible and expedited processes to aid military-connected voters in deployed areas.

WOUNDED WARRIOR SUPPORT: Many organizations provide support to wounded Soldiers and their Families, including tailored transition assistance and specialty housing.

Featured Programs

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY CHILDREN: This important legislation addresses the educational transition needs of military children as they move from state to state. Features include: eligibility, enrollment, placement and graduation requirements. Eleven states have enacted legislation.

IN-STATE TUITION: Thirty-five states provide full in-state tuition to military families, including continuation of the discounted rate when military sponsor is reassigned out of state.

ADOPT-A-UNIT (FORT HOOD): All in uniform at Fort Hood are either deployed, have just returned, or are on the way. The communities of Central Texas provide unquestioned support to Fort Hood's Soldiers and their Families by sending letters and packages to Soldiers "downrange" while making the families who remain behind a part of their own.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT: This program raises public awareness of the needs of our severely injured Service men and women, and provides unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS): TAPS provides help, hope, and healing to anyone who lost a loved one in military service. TAPS is accessible anytime to talk, to meet with others who have shared experiences and understanding, or to find support and information from a professional network of resources.

AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU: This program provides opportunities for citizens to show their support for the US Armed Forces. America Supports You connects Americans with hometown groups offering a variety of support to the military community.

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